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today.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert, Senator Dierks. Senator Jones on the Dierks amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd just like to get into a little dialog with Senator Dierks. This kind of come up a little quicker than I expected, but...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR JONES: Senator Dierks, would you answer some questions?

SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

SENATOR JONES: Your amendment is LB 208. Is it incomplete, LB 208?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah, we just took parts of LB 208 to put in this bill.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. I been...I been getting a few phone calls from ranchers that are complaining about, are we going to put more regulations out there on getting rid of dead livestock than we really want out in the Sandhills. Can we just continue to just bury them ourselves and not have no problem? Or do you have to take them to a central location?

SENATOR DIERKS: No, you can bury them yourself. We're probably going to get more reg...I mean, whenever you do more regulation, I suppose it's more than you want. But I think that we have to do those things to protect the industry. So, no, you can take the...you can take your dead animals and bury them out there. The problem comes in, Senator Jones, when...like, two years ago when that heat thing hit and we had 120 fat cattle die in one place. And we had difficulty finding places to go with them. The rendering plants didn't want them, and burial was about the only answer. But that's a pretty big hunk of animals to get buried, you know. So this is what stimulated all the discussion